

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph, beginning at page 17, line 10, with the following rewritten paragraph:

FIG. 2(a) shows a maximum attenuation with respect to a normalized impedance ( $\omega L/Z_0$ ). Here, reference character  $Z_0$  denotes a characteristic impedance, reference character  $\omega$  denotes an angular frequency, and reference character  $L$  denotes an inductance. The characteristic impedance  $Z_0$  is set at about 50  $\Omega$ . The solid line, the dashed line and the dotted line indicate the maximum attenuation plotted with respect to the impedance for the arrangement according to this embodiment, the maximum attenuation for the arrangement according to the conventional example 1 shown in FIG. 20 and the maximum attenuation for the arrangement according to the conventional example 2 shown in FIG. 21, respectively. FIG. 2(b) shows an out-of-band loss with respect to a normalized impedance. The solid line, the dashed line and the dotted line indicate the out-of-band loss plotted with respect to the normalized impedance for the arrangement according to this embodiment, the out-of-band loss for the arrangement according to the conventional example 1 shown in FIG. 20 (b) and the out-of-band loss for the arrangement according to the conventional example 2 shown in FIG. 21 (b), respectively. In the conventional example 1, while the in-band attenuation is higher than that in the conventional example 2, the out-of-band loss is also higher than that in the conventional example 2. In the conventional example 2, while the out-of-band loss is lower than that in the conventional example 1, the in-band attenuation is also lower than that in the conventional example 1.